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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 25 March 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because it is unsigned (See enclosure 1). Since a proper response has not been received to the letter dated 2 March 2005, the time of response is still based on this date of 2 March 2005. Extensions of time will be required in submitting a proper response since 30 days have passed since the date of 2 March 2005. For example a proper reply received by the USPTO by 2 May would require a petition of an extension of time of 1 month with the associated fee and a proper response (i.e. signed). A reply received by the USPTO between 2 May and 2 June would require a signed petition for an extension of time of 2 months with the associated fee and proper response.

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Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steve Blau whose telephone number is (571) 272-4406. The examiner is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. If the examiner is unavailable you can contact his supervisor Greg Vidovich whose telephone number is (571) 272-4415. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858. (TC 3700 Official Fax 703-872-9306)

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Conclusion

In view of the above amended Claims and Remarks, it is submitted that the Claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the objections and rejections is requested. Allowance of the pending claims is solicited.

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Enclosure(1)